

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council  
held at 7.00 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

## PRESENT

Brian Watts (Chairman)  
Ashleigh Kewney  
Louise Molesworth  
Chris Smith

## IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor  
One Member of the Public  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Liam Higgins.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Louise Molesworth declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in Planning Application 16/02020 - Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey extension at 2 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Member of the Public mentioned the following issues:-

- He thanked the Parish Councillors for organising the delightful hanging baskets which have been erected in the village and the residents who have watered them.
- He requested that the Parish Councillors discuss repairing the stone wall situated on the left hand side at the top of Russell Hill when accessing Thornhaugh from the A47. The top of the stone wall is crumbling and needs restoring. He is keen that the stone wall is maintained so that it doesn't deteriorate any further and continues to be attractive feature upon entering the village. Diane Lamb suggested that an application could be made for funding this from the Community Leadership Fund and she will check whether this would be allowed under the rules. Brian Watts will find out the details of the Poultry Company who own the field in which the stone wall is situated.
- He was disappointed that no further action had been agreed regarding the passing places and requested that this issue is revisited. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Highways Department at Peterborough City Council and request a site visit.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

### 5. MINUTES of the Third Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:-** Louise Molesworth      **Seconded by:-** Chris Smith

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

### i) **Home Farm Matters including Dog Foul Bin**

Ashleigh Kewney suggested that the Dog Foul Bin is installed next to the grit bin at the Home Farm entrance on the A47. The Clerk will inform Amey accordingly.

### ii) **Christmas Tree**

Nicki Rogers has purchased the lights for the Christmas tree and a 10' Christmas tree has been ordered. The Christmas tree will be located on the triangle and inserted in a hole supported by a pipe. Nicki Rogers has produced an excellent flyer which she will distribute to all residents. Nicki Rogers will switch on the lights at 5.00 pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Carols will be sung around the Christmas tree and Stuart Foreman agreed to provide Carol Sheets. Louise Molesworth agreed to purchase Mulled Wine and Mince Pies to be served afterwards. If it is a wet evening, the event will take place in Brian Watts' barn. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

### iii) **RAF Wittering Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**

It was agreed that Louise Molesworth will ask Hubert and Brenda Warren and Ashleigh Kewney will ask Hally Hardie and Martin Witherington if they would like to attend. Stuart Foreman and Diane Lamb confirmed they would like to attend.

### iv) **The Old Rectory Wall**

Brian Watts will speak to Karen Rutter.

### v) **Tree near Public Footpath**

Brian Watts has spoken to Mike Bradshaw.

## 7. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

### i) **Bus Stop**

There was no further update on this issue.

### ii) **Meadow Lane Drainage**

There was no further update on this issue.

### iii) **Cutting of Back Lane Hedges/Home Farm Entrance**

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Amey to request that this work is undertaken as soon as possible as it is now November and a request had been made earlier in the year. The Clerk will also request details of the hedge/tree cutting and grass cutting schedules.

### iv) **Relocation of the Slow/Pedestrian Sign & Improvements to Access onto the A1 Northbound**

Brian Watts had provided a map showing to where the slow/pedestrian sign needs to be relocated to Martin Benn of the Highways Department, Peterborough City Council and the Clerk had contacted Highways England about improvements to access onto the A1 Northbound but was awaiting a reply.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Louise Molesworth left the room when Planning Application 16/02020 - Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey extension at 2 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh was discussed. The Parish Councillors had no objections to the Planning Application.

## 9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 was reviewed and approved as presented  
**Proposed by:-** Brian Watts      **Seconded by:-** Ashleigh Kewney

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no other business.

11. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017**

It was agreed that the Dates of Meetings for 2017 will be:-

16<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 25<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The Fifth Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in St Andrew's Church**

12. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

SIGNED

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Chairman

DATE

16/01/17